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For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR CONTROLLING PAPER DOCUMENTS OF VALUE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper accompanies documents submitted to establish the U.S. national stage of the above-identified international patent application.

The international patent application was amended under PCT Article 34 and the translation of amended claims 1 and 16 are annexed to the International Preliminary Examination Report (IPER).

Before calculation of the filing fee and before examination, kindly amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel all claims without prejudice or disclaimer and substitute therefor new claims 24 - 46 as presented on the appended Appendix of Amended Claims.

REMARKS

All rights are reserved to the original claimed subject matter. The claims have been amended to reduce the filing fees and to better conform to U.S. claim format. Examination of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

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